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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING OGADEN PEACE INITIATIVES

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1. I MET AFTERNOON OCTOBER 9 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY
TO EXPLORE THE POINTS RAISED REFTEL CONCERNING ETHIOPIAN-
SOMALIAN DISPUTE. KHALATBARY WAS POSITIVE AND ARTICULATE IN HIS

RESPONSE.

2. IN SUMMARY, HIS VIEWS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) OAU IS "IMPOTENT". IF ANY INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN, IT MUST BE IN SECURITY COUNCIL.

(B) HE FEELS AN INITIATIVE IN SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE "GOOD THING". HE DOES NOT BELIEVE SUCH INITIATIVE WILL PRODUCE AGREED RESOLUTION, BUT IT WILL FOCUS INTERNATIONAL CONCERN ON PROBLEM.

(C) HE DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE SOVIETS WILL RESORT TO USE OF VETO, AND DOUBTS THEY WOULD SUCCEED IN PROCEDURAL BLOCK OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION.

(D) HE BELIEVES INITIATIVE "MUST BE TAKEN BY AN AFRICAN NATION". KENYA WOULD BE THE BEST CANDIDATE BECAUSE IT "FEELS THE DANGER" OF THE CURRENT SITUATION.

(E) A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESPECT OF AGREED INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES "WOULD NOT BE A GOOD THING". SOMALIA SHOULD NOT REJECT SUCH A PROPOSAL, BECAUSE IT PRETENDS TO HAVE NO TROOPS IN OGADEN.

(F) MAIN CONSEQUENCE OF TAKING ACTION TO SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT BE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON SITUATION AND "PUT A BRAKE" ON ANY "DEFINITIVE ACTION" WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN BY ANY OF THE PARTIES.

3. KHALATBARY MADE CLEAR THAT CURRENT CONCERN IS THAT ETHIOPIA
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MAY BE ABLE TO LAUNCH A COUNTERATTACK WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY REGAIN OGADEN, BUT ALSO "ANNIHILATE" SOMALIA. HE SAYS SOVIET COUNSELOR IN MOGADISCIO TOLD IRANIAN EMBASSY THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD "TEACH SOMALIA A LESSON".

4. KHALATBARY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF ANY DECISIONS WE TAKE IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN CONSULTATION AS DECISIONS DEVELOP. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT PRINCIPAL IRANIAN CONCERN IS TO PRECLUDE SOVIET HEGEMONY OVER ENTIRE HORN OF AFRICA.
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